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HF Happenings

March

2 and 3 - ARRL DX SSB Contest
 3 - SARL Hamnet 40 m contest
 9 and 10 - RSGB Commonwealth Contest
 10 - Cape Argus Bicycle tour
 16 and 17 - SARL VHF/UHF Contest
 17 - St Patrick's Day
 20 - Inland schools close; Autumn Equinox
 21 - Human Rights Day
 22 - Coastal schools holiday
 24 - Palm Sunday
 26 - Pesach starts
 28 - Coastal schools close
 29 - Good Friday
 30 and 31 - CQ WPX SSB Contest
 30 - Two Oceans marathon
 31 - Easter Sunday

April

1 - Family day; Pesach ends
 4 - SARL 80 m QSO Party
 6 - RaDAR Contest
 8 - Coastal schools open
 9 - Inland schools open

World Amateur Radio Day 2013

Each year the IARU Administrative Council selects a theme for World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) for the following year. WARD takes place each year on 18 April. At the November, 2012 Administrative Council meeting the AC adopted the following proposal: "The theme 'Amateur Radio: Entering Its Second Century of Disaster Communications' was adopted for the next World Amateur Radio Day, 18 April 2013."

The selected theme for 2013 is a excellent opportunity for amateur radio emergency communications or disaster communications groups to take advantage of the WARD to highlight the role amateur radio plays in disaster communications and disaster response. IARU member-societies could arrange amateur radio demonstrations in public places such as parks or shopping areas. Prepared handouts could explain the benefits of amateur radio in times of emergency or disaster. An amateur radio demonstration in public areas usually generates inquiries and questions from the public about amateur radio and it also provides a great opportunity to attract new amateur radio operators. If you plan on such a demonstration, do not forget to include some young people from your society so that young people who happen by the demonstration can see that amateur radio activity can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

In 2013, 18 April is a weekday. However, that does not prevent the public activity from taking place on the weekend before or after 18 April. The idea is to gain as much exposure and publicity for amateur radio as possible.

Emergency communications groups might also combine a public demonstration for WARD with a simulated emergency test (SET).

WARD also provides an opportunity for amateurs to give presentations about amateur radio to such groups as civic organizations, charitable groups, etc. For example, Rotary Clubs and Lions Clubs are only two of many worldwide organizations who have weekly meetings and these organizations are always looking for interesting and informative programs to present to their membership. There are very few experienced amateurs who cannot talk for 15 or 20 minutes about amateur radio in a positive fashion. Do not make the talk too technical. Stress the fun aspects of amateur radio and the opportunity to assist in times of disaster. Keep the presentation to about 20 minutes to allow time for questions.

The fact that World Amateur Radio Day only happens one day each year

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Have you done anything
 this week to Promote
 Amateur Radio?



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should not prevent IARU member societies from promoting amateur radio all during the year of course. Some member society officials have expressed concern about a decrease in the number of new amateurs entering amateur radio in their country. Upon further examination and discussion, it turns out there are many activities that societies could be involved in to increase public exposure to amateur radio but many are not taking advantage of those opportunities. WARD provides an opportunity to get out and make the effort to show the public what amateur radio is about.

Moreover, if your member society is involved in promoting amateur radio on a regular basis and it has been a success, let me know. I will publicize the activity in this newsletter so that other member societies can benefit from activities that have attracted people to amateur radio.

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Commonwealth Contest: Win a Centenary Morse Key

The Commonwealth Contest takes place from 10.00 UTC on 9 March to 10.00 UTC on 10 March and the RSGB have donated one of the Centenary Keys for the prize draw.

All stations that enter the contest and make at least 75 good QSOs after adjudication are entered into the free prize draw. This is a 24-hour CW contest on the 10 to 80 m bands. The exchange is

simply a report and serial number and there is free software to make the logging, sending and entry very easy. HQ stations also send HQ.

Only QSOs between call areas in the Commonwealth count, so have a look at the call area list in the rules. Check out the website at www.beru.org.uk. A list of Commonwealth Call Areas can be found at www.rsgbcc.org/hf/information/codes.shtml.

SARL VHF/UHF Analogue and Digital Contest

The March leg of the SARL VHF/UHF analogue and digital contest will be on the air from 10:00 UTC on Saturday 16 March to 10:00 UTC on Sunday 17 March with the aim to promote activity on the VHF/UHF and microwave bands, to encourage people to work greater distances than usual by operating portable and/or improve antenna systems and to provide opportunities for people to activate or work new grid squares.

Activity will take place on 6, 4 and 2 metres,

70 and 23 cm and higher using CW, SSB, FM and the digital modes.

Participation can be as a base station, a field station, a club or multi operator station, a rover station or a 4 hour limited category station.

The contest exchange consists of the call signs, signal report and six-digit grid locator. All the exchange information shall be copied at the time of the QSO. Read from page 28 in the 2013 SARL Contest Manual for all the details

Are you Keeping a Log Book?

Hopefully log submissions for contest are going to increase dramatically after reading the item below. I am of the opinion that this is one of the reasons for the low number of log submissions!

The Frequency Spectrum Regulations for Amateur Radio require that you keep a logbook for all HF contacts. Section 4 of the regulation states:

- (1) The licensee must keep a log book recording the activities of the amateur radio station used by him or her or any other person under the supervision of the licensee, except when operating a station in the VHF and UHF bands or mobile.
- (2) Details recorded in the log book referred to in sub-regulation (15) must include-

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- (a) the date, time and nature of each transmission: provided that the date with regard to each individual day's operation need to be recorded only once and for the purposes of this paragraph "time of each transmission" shall mean the time that a specific station is called and the time at which the communication with such station is terminated;
- (b) the full name and address of the person making the transmission: provided that the name of the licensee who regularly uses the amateur radio station need to be recorded only once in the log book with an explicit statement that all transmissions are made by him, except where stated otherwise;
- (c) the call sign of every station: provided that it need not be recorded repeatedly for calls made to the station during the course of the communication;
- (d) the transmitter power that is used;
- (e) the frequency band that is used: provided that it need to be recorded in the log book only once until a change of frequency to another authorized band takes place; and
- (f) the address from where the transmission takes place: provided that such address needs to be recorded only once, should the place of transmission not change.

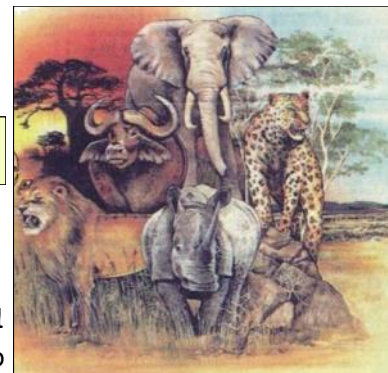
The regulations further warns that any person who fails to comply with these regulations is liable on conviction by the Complaints and Compliance Commission to a fine not exceeding R 200 000 unless stated otherwise in regulations.

A log is a log whether hard copy or electronic!

African DX

Uganda, 5X. Alan, G3XAQ, will be active as 5X1XA on the HF bands using CW, until 14 March. QSL via G3SWH.

Algeria, 7X. 7T50ARA and 7T9A are two special call signs to be used from 1 March to 30 May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of ARA (Amateurs Radio Algeriens), Algeria's IARU member society. QSL via 7X2ARA. Information on the relevant award can be found on qrz.com.



Rwanda, 9X. Look for Nick, G3RWF / 5X1NH, to be active from Rwanda between 4 and 12 March. He has requested the call sign 9X0NH, and the license should be valid for 2013 because he could return later in the year. Activity will be from Kigali on most HF bands and will be mainly CW with some SSB using 100 watts and wire antennas. There will be no 160 m, but he will be on 6 metres. QSL via G3RWF. Nick will upload his log daily on LoTW.

5H, Tanzania. Maurizio, IK2GZU will be active again as 5H3MB from Ilembula, Tanzania from 7 April to 8 May, while doing volunteer work for the local mission. QSL via IK2GZU and LoTW. Log search and OQRS for bureau and direct cards at www.buffoli-pm.it

African Islands

Marion Island, ZS8. Two radio amateurs will be part of the over wintering team and will be active on Marion Island from May 2013 to April 2014. ZS8C - Carson, ZR6CWI, has been appointed as the Space Weather Engineer and is employed for the next year by the SA National Space Agency (SANSA). ZS8Z - David, ZS1BCE, has finally been appointed as the radio technician. His appointment was delayed due to a clerical error.

Important information: Expected modes will mainly be SSB and digital modes, They may only use the existing commercial broadband HF antenna, and their QSL Manager is ZS1HF. More information will be posted

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on their respective grz.com sites once they have been created. We expect this information to be made available within the next 2 weeks. All enquiries via ZS1HF at this stage.

8Q, Maldives. Wolfgang, OE1MWW, will be active as 8Q7WK between 9 and 23 March. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via his home call sign.

S7, Seychelles. Nobby, G0VJG, will be active S79VJG from the Seychelles (AF-024) between 4 and 16 April. Activity will be on the 40 to 10 metres using SSB only and HF verticals on the beach (QRO). QSL via G4DFI.

3V, Tunisia. An Italian group, along with the Association des Radio Amateurs Tunisiens (ARAT) and the Engineering University of Gabes, who are planning a second IOTA DXpedition to Djerba Island (AF-083, WW Loc JM53kt, WFF 3VFF-007, WLOTA L-1394 and ARLHS TUN-022), as TS8TI (will receive license in March) between 29 April and 6 May, have announced that they will now be active on all HF bands, including the 30, 17, 12 and 6 metre bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31/63/125 modes. The team is still in need of sponsors and individual contributions. Contact ik7jwx2003@yahoo.it. For more info and updates, watch the following Web pages www.grz.com/db/TS8TI/, www.arilimbiate.it/ and www.facebook.com/notifications#!/alfredo.denisi

Other DX

Solomons and Temotu. H44 Solomons and H40 Temotu are the destinations for a group of nine German and Polish operators. H44G will be activated from 8 to 25 March while part of the group will operate as H40T from 12 to 23 March. They will have several stations on the 10 to 160 m bands using CW and SSB. There will also be a station dedicated to RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. QSL via DL7DF.

Spratly Islands. 9M4SLL will again be active from Layang-Layang, Spratly Islands, which is IOTA AS-051, on all bands from 10 to 160 m using CW, SSB and RTTY from 10 to 18 March inclusive. The operators include John, 9M6XRO, Steve, 9M6DXX and Don, G3BJ. The group will use several stations with linear amplifiers to vertical antennas all within a few metres of the ocean. QSL Manager for this operation is Tim, M0URX either via OQRS, direct, bureau or Logbook of The World. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW as quickly as possible after the DXpedition.

Tuvalu. Four experienced Scottish operators will be on the island of Tuvalu in the Pacific from 12 - 23 March. The call sign will be T2GM and they will be very active on all bands. The QSL Manager is G4M4FDM.

Clipperton Island, TX5. The TX5K team arrived at Clipperton Island at 04:30 UTC 27 February in the dark (and even with a full moon they can only just make out the island), so offloading onto the island did not start until day break. The TX5K Blog page states, "No one got sick on the way down - all are doing well and have enjoyed the wonderful food and hospitality of the Shogun Crew." Excerpts from the blog state that the team will need a whole day and part of the next day to offload and set up. This means do not expect the start of the DXpedition until late in the day (Pacific Time) on 28 February (it will most likely be 1 March in some time zones) - which is as planned. The team sends their thanks to everyone for your support of this DXpedition and send their love to their families. Then on 28 February, it was posted, "after spending hours circling the island looking for a suitable and safe place to land" the team began landing at 13:00 UTC. Later in the day, they posted "they have all life support, 2 out of 3 tents up, 20 members of the team on the island and that they have generators and lights that they can use to do some work into the night. They will set up radio's tomorrow - so this is all great news. All are tired - but in very good spirits and doing well. It is hot there."

By the time you read this, the TX5K activity will probably have started and it will be on 160 - 6 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. Just a reminder that they will also have a quality QRO 6 m station with a dedicated

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operator (Lance, W7GJ, - <http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/TX5K.htm>) ready to do EME and terrestrial QSOs. Needless to say - this is huge news for the 6 m community!

QSL via the OQRS by ClubLog (Highly Recommended). This is the preferred method to use for your QSL confirmation. After the DXpedition ends you can order either a direct or Bureau QSL card using the OQRS online QSL service provided by ClubLog. Using this convenient online method you can easily apply for their QSL card to be sent directly to your home or via the Bureau....without having to send your QSL card at all. Direct QSLs are via Bob Schenck N200 and the SJDXA QSL team: QSL Manager for TX5K, PO Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087-0345, USA. Also, remember to use the DXA Web site <http://www.dxa2.org/> which allows DXers to view the QSO log, and the status and activities of the DXpedition in near-real-time. The TX5K's Web page is at <http://tx5k.org>. For updates, use the BLOG at <http://www.ky6r.com>

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 5 to 11 March 2013



AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest
 23:00 UTC 6 March to 23:00 UTC 7 March and 23:00 UTC 9 March to 23:00 UTC 10 March
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 40, 20 m
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: RST, Eqpt Type and Eqpt Year
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: (see rules)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 31 March 2013
 E-mail logs to: w1zb@arrl.net
 Mail logs to: Jerry Reine, W1ZB, 5 Tobey Lane, Andover, MA 01810, USA
 Find rules at: http://www.antiquewireless.org/pdf/rollins_rules.pdf

NCCC RTTY Sprint
 01:30 - 02:00 UTC 8 March
 Mode: RTTY
 Bands: (see rules)
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: (see rules)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 10 March 2013
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at:
<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

QRP Fox Hunt
 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 8 March
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80 m Only
 Classes: Single Op (Fox/Hound)
 Max power: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 9 March 2013
 E-mail logs to: (see rules)
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint
 02:30 UTC-03:00 UTC 8 March
 Mode: (see rules)
 Bands: (see rules)
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: (see rules)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 10 March 2013
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at:
<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

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RSGB Commonwealth Contest

10:00 UTC 9 March to 10:00 UTC 10 March

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Open - 12 or 24 hours; Restricted - 12 or 24 hours; Multi-Op

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO; 20 additional points for each of first three QSOs with a Commonwealth Area or HQ station per band

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 10 April 2013

Upload log at:

<http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: RSGB-G3UFY, 77 Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7AF, England

Find rules at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2013/rberu.shtml>

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

12:00 UTC 9 March to 24:00 UTC 10 March

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and SKCC no or "NONE"

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 17 March 2013

Post log summary at:

<http://wes.m0trn.com/submission.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/

AGCW QRP Contest

14:00 - 20:00 UTC 9 March

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op Only

Max power: VLP: 1 watt or less; QRP: 5 watts or less; MP: 25 watts or less; QRO: >25 watts

Exchange: RST, QSO NO, class (pwr) and AGCW member no or "NM" if not member

QSO Points: 0 points/QSO for QRO - QRO; 3 points/QSO for QRP - VLP, VLP - QRP, VLP - VLP, QRP - QRP; 2 points/QSO for all others

Multipliers: 1 per AGCW member per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 March 2013

E-mail logs to: grp-test@agcw.de

Mail logs to: Edmund Ramm, DJ6UX, Anderheitsallee 24, Bramfeld, D-22175 Hamburg, Germany

Find rules at:

http://www.agcw.org/en/?Contests_and_CW-activities:QRP-Contest

QRP ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint

15:00 - 18:00 UTC 9 March

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: All Band; Single Band; High Bands; Low Bands

Exchange: RST, grid square and ARCI number or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with ARCI member; 4 points per non-member QSO with different continent; 2 points per non-member QSO with same continent; Bonus points: 5 000 for battery power portable with temporary antenna

Multipliers: Grids, once per band

Power Mult: >5 W = x1, 1 - 5 W = x7, 250 mW - 1 W = x10, 55 - 250 mW = x15, <55 mW = x20

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total grid squares x power mult) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 23 March 2013

E-mail logs to: contest@qrparci.org

Mail logs to: ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint, c/o Brian Campbell, PO Box 135, 46485 Sparta Line, Sparta, Ontario N0L 2H0, Canada

Find rules at: <http://www.qrparci.org/contests/hf-grid-square-sprint-2013>

EA PSK63 Contest

16:00 UTC 9 March to 16:00 UTC 10 March

Mode: PSK63

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

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Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op

Exchange: EA: RSQ and province code; non-EA: RSQ and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point/QSO with same continent on 20 - 10 m; 2 points/QSO with different continent on 20 - 10 m; 3 points/QSO with same continent on 80 - 40 m; 6 points/QSO with different continent on 80 - 40 m

Multipliers: Once each band (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 March 2013

E-mail logs to: psk31@ure.es

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ure.es/contest/428-ea-psk31-contest-english-version.html>

Idaho QSO Party

19:00 UTC 9 March to 19:00 UTC 10 March

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Multi - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile/Rover - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; School - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: ID: RS(T) and county; non-ID: RS(T) and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per mode per band

QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO

Multipliers: ID: Each state, province and country once per mode; non-ID: Each ID county once per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 9 April 2013

E-mail logs to: ldqlogs@msn.com

Mail logs to: KARS/logs, PO Box 1765, Hayden, ID 83835-1765, USA

Find rules at:

<http://idahoarrrl.info/qsoparty/rules.htm>

North American RTTY Sprint

00:00 - 04:00 UTC 10 March

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max operating hours: 4 hours

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7) once; Each VE province once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 16 March 2013

E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)

Upload log at:

<http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintlogsubmit.php>

Mail logs to: Ed Muns, WOYK, PO Box 1877, Los Gatos, CA 95031-1877, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php>

NSARA Contest

11:00 - 15:00 UTC 10 March and 17:00 - 21:00 UTC 10 March

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Transmitter

Exchange: Nova Scotia: RS(T) and county; non-NS: RS(T)

Work stations: Once per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Nova Scotia counties once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 9 April 2013

E-mail logs to: ve1pjs@rac.ca

Mail logs to: Peter J. Surette, VE1PJS, 48 Birch St., Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 1P1, Canada

Find rules at: <http://nsara.ve1cfy.net/nsaracst.htm>

Wisconsin QSO Party

18:00 UTC 10 March to 01:00 UTC 11 March

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: All, except WARC

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Classes: Single Op - fixed, mobile, tech or beginner - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op - fixed, mobile or tech - QRP, low or high; M/M - fixed or mobile - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: WI: county; non-WI: state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO; Bonus Points: 500 points for mobiles for each county from which you make at least 12 QSOs



Multipliers: WI Stations: WI counties, states, provinces once; Non-WI Stations: WI counties once
Power mults: HP x 1.0, LP x 1.5, QRP x 2.0

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x power mult x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 11 April 2013

E-mail logs to: wigp-logs@warac.org

Mail logs to: Wisconsin QSO Party, West Allis Radio Amateur Club, PO Box 1072, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA

Find rules at:

http://www.warac.org/wqp/wigp_rules.htm

Next Week's Contests

QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 13 March

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 13 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 14 March

NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint, 18:00 - 20:00 UTC 13 March

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, CW, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 13 March

QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 15 March

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 15 March

BARTG HF RTTY Contest, 02:00 UTC 16 March to 02:00 UTC 18 March

SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest, 10:00 UTC 16 March to 10:00 UTC 17 March

Russian DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 16 March to 12:00 UTC 17 March

Oklahoma QSO Party, 13:00 UTC 16 March to 01:00 UTC 17 March and 13:00 - 19:00 UTC 17 March

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, 14:00 - 17:00 UTC 16 March (144) and 17:00 - 18:00 UTC 16 March (432)

Virginia QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 16 March to 02:00 UTC 17 March and 12:00 - 24:00 UTC 17 March

Feld Hell Sprint 16:00 - 18:00 UTC 16 March

North American SSB Sprint, 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 17 March

UBA Spring Contest, 2 m 07:00 - 11:00 UTC 17 March

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 18 March

Bucharest Contest, 18:00 - 20:50 UTC 18 March

CLARA HF Contest, 17:00 UTC 19 March to 17:00 UTC 20 March, 17:00 UTC 23 March to 17:00 UTC 24 March

CQ News

Richard, W2VU, Editor of CQ Amateur Radio, sent out the following press release on 28 February: CQ Launches Online Photo Gallery (Hicksville, New York) - CQ magazine today announced the launch of the online CQ Photo Gallery to supplement photos published in the magazine.

"We shoot photos at many events, and receive many photos from readers, that we don't have space to put in the magazine," said CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. "But we still want to share them with our readers. The new CQ Photo Gallery allows us to do that."

The photo gallery resides on the flickr.com web site and is organized into albums called "sets." Initial sets include CQ cover images; the "C Garage," featuring ham radio license plates from all over; news photos from the FCC's field hearing on communications lessons from Superstorm Sandy, and reader-submitted photos. Moseson recommended that readers check into the gallery site frequently, as new photos will be added regularly. The CQ Photo Gallery may be accessed at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/cqphotogallery/sets>

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CQ, www.cq-amateur-radio.com, is the world's leading independent amateur radio magazine, serving the amateur radio community worldwide since 1945. It is published in three languages (English, Spanish and Portuguese) and in both print and digital editions.

Contest Results

2012 CQ WW DX RTTY Contest * denotes low power

Call	Band	Points	QSOs	Countries	Zones	US/VE
Roger Jones, ZS6RJ	all	284 672	415	121	60	75
Jacques le Roux, ZS1JY *	all	53 340	146	56	34	37
Dirk Els, ZS6AKU *	28	55 990	187	58	23	29

2013 PEARS VHF/UHF Contest

The Contest Committee received 14 logs, made up of 11 analogue and 3 digital logs. Analogue results

Single operator Base	6 m	4 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm
Nasri, ZS1NAZ	123 048 points		2 568 points	14 points	14 points
Andre, ZS2ACP	1 464 points				
Ken, ZS2OC	4 014 points	378 points	7 124 points	3 735 points	
Nico, ZS4N			10 556 points		
Pierre, ZS6A	22 380 points				
Jaco, ZS6PX	2 822 points		336 points	96 points	
Single operator Field	6 m	4 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm
Terence, ZS2ABB			36 834 points	6 789 points	314 points
Allan, ZS2BO		500 points	46 543 points	5 688 points	
Karel, ZS2KKK			18 732 points	5 934 points	
Terence, ZS2VDL	24 475 points	584 points	44 926 points	5 418 points	
Limited period Field	6 m	4 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm
Al Akers, ZS2U	1 388 points		9 068 points	3 333 points	

No entries for the Multi operator, Limited period Base or Rover classes. Figures in **Bold** are winners of frequency category, shaded blocks are Divisional winners

Digital results

Single operator Base	6 m	4 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm
Nasri, ZS1NAZ	42 930 points		3 822 points		
Andre, ZS2ACP	7 200 points		3 056 points		
Jaco, ZS6PX	4 506 points				

No entries for the Single operator Field, Multi operator, Limited period Base, Limited period Field or Rover classes. Figures in **Bold** are winners of frequency category, shaded blocks are Divisional winners.

Longest distances worked

HF Happenings

Band	From	to	Distance
Analogue			
6 m	ZS1NAZ	ZS6NK	1 535 km
4 m	ZS2OC	ZS2BO and ZS2VDL	86 km
2 m	ZS1NAZ	ZS6BUN	1 265 km
70 cm	ZS2KKK	ZS2U	208 km
	ZS2ABB	ZS2TED	208 km
23 cm	ZS2ABB	ZS2WG	157 km
Digital			
6 m	ZS1NAZ	ZS6NK	1 535 km
2 m	ZS1NAZ	ZS6BUN	1 265 km

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Nauryz DX Contest

The contest is organised and conducted in order to promote amateur radio on high frequency bands in countries of Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan) and is dedicated to the spring celebration of Nauryz (Nowruz) included in the representative list of UNESCO List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, declared as the International Nowruz Day. The contest will be held on 23 March between 02:00 and 07:59 UTC on the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metre bands using CW and SSB. Complete details are available at <http://www.nauryz-dx-contest.com>

France - digital modes approved for use

Pierre, F1SHS, President of DR@F (Digital Radioamateur France) reports that 'all digital modes and experimentations are now possible'. Until now French radio amateurs had been banned from using digital modes such as D-STAR. It is reported the new draft regulation was signed by the Minister on Wednesday morning 6 March. Pierre says, "This is a great news and lots of work for our organization". DR@F website in Google English <http://tinyurl.com/FranceDRAF>

Members of the Bloemfontein ARC during the Youth Contest on 23 February, operating from Naval Hill. On the left is Danie, ZS4DL, Warren, ZS4W (with the white cap) and Frans, ZS4FP. The gentleman in the centre of the left photo is Wally Borchards, headmaster of CBC Bloemfontein



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